



Welcome to Languages at Norton
College!



Bonjour tout le monde!

The Languages team are really looking forward to meeting you all soon!

In the meantime, we hope that this will give you an idea of what to expect from your French lessons in September.

un peu de culture: Paris is known as the City of Lights! Have you been?





What will I study?

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- It doesn't matter how much French you have done in primary school. The first term will make sure that you are all really confident in the basics – numbers, months, pets, colours, birthdays, family, likes and dislikes.
- How much French have you done already?
- How far can you count in French?



un peu de culture: Over 275 million people speak French – how many words do you already know?

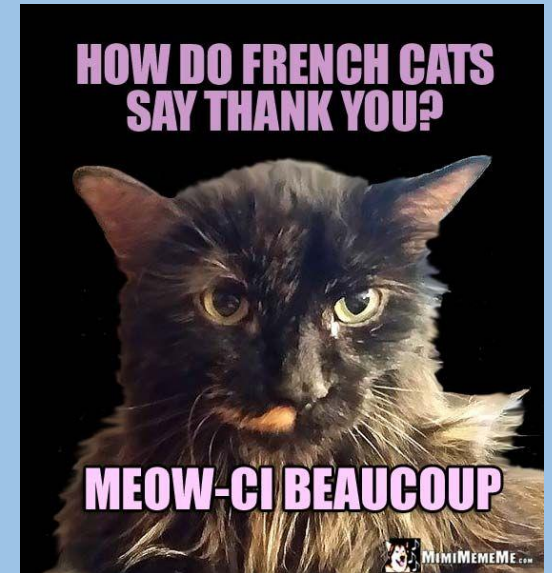


Other Year 7 topics:

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Your other year 7 French topics are:

- Leisure activities – what you love doing / how often / sport in France / writing your own storybook
- Where I live – location / describing your house / dream house
- School – here and in France
- Holidays and the French speaking world



un peu de culture: There are about 7,000 French words in English! That's a lot!!



Will there be lots of home learning?

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We set home learning once a week, and it will be either:

- Vocabulary learning
- Reading task
- Revision

un peu de culture: One of the most popular elements of breakfast in France is Nutella!



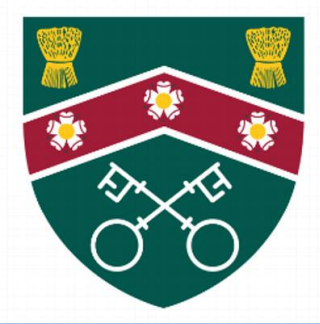


What we expect from you:

1. Be polite and respectful to everyone
2. Try your best every single lesson
3. Be prepared: bring a pen, pencil and ruler to every lesson. A French dictionary is also helpful.
4. Complete every home learning task to the best of your ability
5. Help and encourage others in the room



un peu de culture: In France, there are commercials on TV if sales of cheese and milk start to go down reminding you to eat your dairy!



Meet the teachers: Mrs Wootton

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Bonjour!

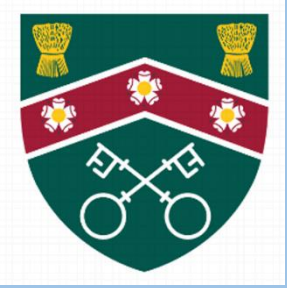
Je m'appelle Madame Wootton and I have been teaching French at Norton College for a long time.

I absolutely love languages – I teach French but I also know some Italian, German, Latin and I have been learning Spanish in lockdown at home too.

I can't wait to teach you in September – I think learning languages should be really fun. Be prepared to come and play lots of games and learn lots of new words.

A bientôt





Meet the teachers: Mrs Snowden

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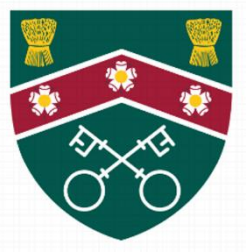
Me llamo Señora Snowden, Je m'appelle Madame Snowden. I teach Spanish and French at Norton College.

I started to learn French when I was your age and I've loved learning languages ever since. During lockdown, I've been trying to learn Portuguese on the Duolingo App. You should try out Duolingo if you haven't already done so. It's brilliant for learning languages!

I love travelling and have visited many Spanish speaking countries including Mexico, Cuba, Costa Rica, Colombia, Panama and Spain of course. You will see that I love to talk about my travels.

I'm looking forward to meeting you all to hear about why you like learning languages and which countries you have visited.

¡Hasta luego!, A bientôt!



Meet the teachers: Mr Findlater



Bonjour! ¡Hola! 你好！

My name is Mr Findlater and I teach French and Spanish at Norton College! I can't wait to share all the reasons I love languages and I look forward to meeting all of you!

I love telling stories from my time in the French speaking world (I even did three years of primary school in French - not as scary as it sounds!) and from working in Beijing, China (even weirder stories than the French ones)!

I love French and Spanish music and we even get to watch films in French and Spanish (not as difficult as it sounds!)

Do any of you speak a foreign language or learnt a few words on holiday?

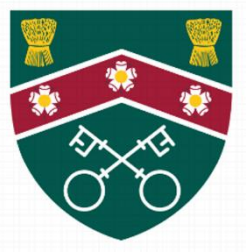




Time to choose an activity!

You can do **all** of them or just **one** of them.

un peu de culture: In Paris, it was against the law until 2013 for women to wear trousers in Paris (all due to the French Revolution)! Imagine that as a law!



Activity 1 – Famous French people

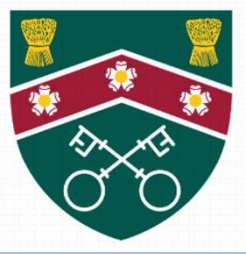
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1. What famous French (or French-speaking) people do you know? Footballers? Singers? Actors? Politicians?

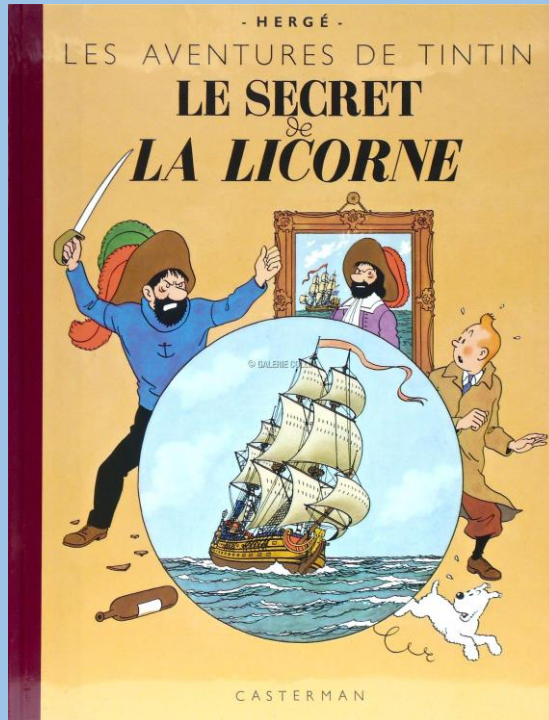
2. Make a fact file in English about them.

un peu de culture: In France it is still common to go buy your bread fresh every day – even in cities!



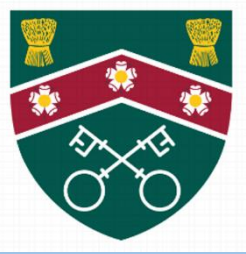
Activity 2 – Bonjour!

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Draw and write a cartoon in French where people greet each other, ask each other's names and ask each other how they are. You can draw it by hand or do it on the computer - whatever you like!

un peu de culture: In France cartoons are seen as a major art form and not just for children. Adults will have shelves and shelves of comic books in their chic Parisian apartments.



Activity 3 – Mon village / Ma ville

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un peu de culture: In France medals are actually given out by the mayor to large families!

1. Draw a simple map of the centre of the city/village where you live and label the places of interest in French.
2. You can use the key words here or use a dictionary to help.

You can find an online dictionary at:

<https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english-french>

We look forward to meeting
you soon!

